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*WHEREAS it is found by Experience that this Province is not adapted for raiſing Sheep, by reaſon of our long and tedious Winters; and therefore the Inhabitants have been and muſt for ever continue to be under a Neceſſity of importing large Quantities of Woollen Goods from our Mother-Country,* Great Britain, *which, with the Pewter, Braſs, and other Commodities bro't from thence, that we cannot ſubſiſt without, nor produce our ſelves, will require all we can procure for Exportation to make Returns. And inaſmuch as conſiderable Sums are Yearly exported to purchaſe* Linens, *that are not the Produce or Manufacture of* Great-Britain, *but imported there from* Germany, Holland, *&c. and which this Province is very capable to Produce and Manufacture; and, if done, would be much for the Benefit of our Mother Country, as well as our ſelves, as it would enable us to apply our Exports to pay for Woollen and other Goods their Produce, and employ our own Women and Children, who are now in a great meaſure idle;*——— For theſe Reaſons, a Number of Gentlemen have formed themſelves into a voluntary Society, by the Name and Title of, *The Society for Encouraging* Induſtry *and* Employing the Poor.——And we do hereby invite all well-diſpoſed charitable Perſons to join in promoting the good Ends above-mentioned.

THE many Advantages ariſing from a well regulated Society of this Sort, as they are exceeding apparent, ſo it is preſum'd the Deſign will meet with a cheerful Reception and extenſive Encouragement——In the preſent State of this Province, we are not perhaps in a Condition greatly to enlarge our Exports, it becomes neceſſary therefore, that by all prudent Methods we contrive as much as poſſible to leſſen our Import. This will be conſiderably effected, by promoting a *Linen-Manufacture*; for which it is computed that

£ 50000 *Sterling*, are annually ſent to *Europe*, when at the ſame Time it may be carried on to ſuch Advantage as that Linen of all Sorts may be made cheaper among ourſelves, as is now found by Experience.—Beſides, the Huſbandman will from hence receive Encouragement for raiſing of Flax, to which the Lands in this Province are known to be well adapted, and ſo a new Source of Riches laid open to that uſeful and neceſſary Body of Men, extracted in the moſt natural and unenvied Way, as being the Product of our own Soil: Hereby alſo ſundry Tradeſmen and Handicrafts will receive further Employment; ſuch as the Makers of Looms, Spinning-Wheels, Heckles, Reels, and the like; but the moſt immediate Advantage is that, which will ariſe from the Employment of the Poor, at preſent a great Burthen to this Community, by the heavy Taxes levy'd for their Support. Many Thouſands of theſe may be employ'd in this ſingle Manufacture, and taught not only to ſupport themſelvs, but to become uſeful and valuable Members of the Community. By this Means the Price of Labour, ſo much and juſtly complain'd of, will gradually be leſſen'd, as more Hands will be induſtriouſly employ'd; the Poor will be decently cloath'd, and fed with the Fruit of their own Diligence: the publick Taxes abated, and in general a Spirit of Frugality, Induſtry and Virtue will probably take place among us.

This Town has remarkably ſignalized itſelf, for its Charity and Compaſſion to the Poor, who for ſome Years paſt have been an encreaſing Burthen, and yet the Supplies that are annually furniſh'd, are very far from being an adequate Relief to their Neceſſities; and what is worſe, there is no Proſpect of diminiſhing this Burthen in the preſent Way of diſtributing our Charity; on the contrary, it muſt be expected to increaſe by the continual Addition of new Objects, from which nothing but their Death will be likely to releaſe us, while a new Succeſſion of them will daily preſent themſelves in the Room of thoſe, who are at reſt from their Miſeries: Every Man of Senſe muſt ſee, and every Lover of his Country will deplore the Calamities that muſt ariſe from increaſing Poverty, Idleneſs and Vice: but every Chriſtian will feel the Miſeries of ſuch a State, almoſt as if they were his own, and be uneaſy till ſome Method be entred upon, for providing an effectual Remedy againſt them. —— Temporary Methods of Relief are very com-

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commendable, till ſomething better can be eſtabliſhed; but theſe are of the Nature of Palliatives only; it muſt be a laſting and permanent Scheme, that may be expected to reach the Root of this Malady: The Linen-Manufacture, when thoroughly underſtood, will appear to be ſuch a Scheme, and under proper Cultivation will, it is apprehended, enlarge it ſelf into a noble Deſign, ſo as not only to yield preſent Relief to great Numbers of poor People, but by gradually extending it ſelf to all Parts of the Province, ſeems to promiſe a perpetual Eſtabliſhment; and if it be enter'd upon with a proper Spirit, and vigorouſly ſupported in the Beginning, it will ſoon add a new Branch of Riches to the Province, will cloathe the Naked, find Bread for the Hungry, and Emyloyment for the Idle.

IN hopes of accompliſhing the good Ends above-mentioned, and depending upon the Bleſſing of Almighty GOD, to give Succeſs to the Undertaking, We the Subſcribers do promiſe to pay unto

Treaſurer to us the Subſcribers, within one Month from the Date of theſe Preſents, the Sums annexed to our reſpective Names, for promoting and carrying on a Linen-Manufacture, and ſuch other Manufactures as this Society ſhall hereafter think proper to encourage. We likewiſe promiſe to pay Quarterly the Sums ſubſcribed by us, as they ſhall become due, until we ſhall give Notice to the Society of our Deſire to be excuſed.

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RULES

# RULES of INCORPORATION

## For the Society for *Encouraging Induſtry* and *Employing the Poor.*

I.

THAT the Officers of ſaid Society conſiſt of a Treaſurer, Deputy-Treaſurer and Clerk, to be annually choſen the ſecond Wedneſday in *Auguſt.*

II.

THAT there be a ſtanding Committee appointed, conſiſting of Eight Members, Five whereof to be a Quorum, for Inſpection of the Works, and to give ſuitable Directions for the Conduct of the various Parts of the Manufacture, and of thoſe who are employed in it.

III.

THAT Three of the ſaid Committee be appointed, as ſpecial Managers or Overſeers of the Manufacture, who ſhall be obliged to make a Weekly Report to the ſtanding Committee of their Proceedings and Accounts, and to receive their Directions.

IV.

THAT the ſaid ſtanding Committee have a Meeting every Thurſday Evening with the Treaſurer or Deputy-Treaſurer and Clerk, to conſult upon ſuch Points as the Managers ſhall lay before them, and as the State of the Manufacture may happen to require.

V.

THAT the Committee ſhall keep a Book or Books, in which they ſhall cauſe to be inſerted a fair Accompt of the Progreſs of the Manufacture, whether in regard to Money expended, Materials taken up

up or received, Workmen, Women or Children employed, *&c.* and ſhall exhibit ſaid Books at every quarterly Meeting of the Members, there to be examin'd and approved.

VI.

THAT there be a quarterly Meeting of the Members of ſaid Society the ſecond Wedneſday in *November*, the ſecond Wedneſday in *February*, and the ſecond Wedneſday in *May*, to inſpect and ſettle the Accompts of the Committee, and to pay in the quarterly Subſcriptions.

VII.

THAT the Treaſurer or his Deputy be preſent at every quarterly Meeting, and cauſe an Abſtract of the Proceedings of the Committee during the laſt Quarter to be made, and thereupon a fair Entry of the ſame in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe.

VIII.

THAT there be an annual Meeting of the Members on the ſecond Wedneſday in *Auguſt*, for ſettling Accounts, chooſing Officers, inſpecting the Works, and making ſuch further Rules as ſhall from Time to Time appear neceſſary, due Notifications thereof being firſt given; and at ſuch Meeting no Affair of Conſequence ſhall be offer'd, until the Treaſurer or Deputy-Treaſurer be in the Chair, and the ſeveral Articles of this Society be firſt read, nor then abruptly put to Vote; but the Matter ſhall be maturely conſider'd by the Society, and every Member ſhall be fairly heard before it be put up; and every Affair or Queſtion ſhall be determin'd by a Majority of the then preſent Voters, and all Elections ſhall be by written Votes.

IX.

THAT the Books of the Treaſurer and Committee containing the Society's Accounts do, at their ſaid annual Meeting, lie on the Table for the Inſpection and Satisfaction of the Members.

X.

NO Perſon to be admitted a Member of ſaid Society but at an annual or quarterly Meeting; nor unleſs ſeven at leaſt be preſent, of which the Treaſurer for the Time being, or his Deputy, be One.

XI.

THAT the Clerk be directed to enter the Names of any Perſons elected or approved as aforeſaid, among the Liſt of Members, ſo ſoon as he ſhall have paid his Entrance and not before.

XII.

THAT every Member do, at his Entrance, pay at leaſt *Twenty Shillings*, and from thence quarterly, not leſs than *Five Shillings* each Quarter.

XIII.

THAT the Minutes of the laſt Meeting of the Committee be always read before they enter upon any new Buſineſs; and in the like manner, the Minutes of the laſt quarterly Meeting to be read before they proceed to any Matters relating to the Society.

XIV.

THAT the Treaſurer and ſtanding Committee when Five are preſent, have Power upon extraordinary Occaſions to call a Meeting of the Members of the Society.

XV.

SUCH Members as have neglected to pay their quarterly Subſcriptions, ſhall not have a Vote in deciding any Queſtion at the next enſuing Meeting, unleſs fully paid before that Time.

XVI.

IF any Member of this Society ſhall neglect to pay his Subſcriptions five Quarters ſucceſſively, if in Town, and being duly notified thereof, ſhall be no longer accounted a Member of the Society.

XVII.

THAT the Clerk make a Report of the Names of all ſuch Members, as have not compleated their Payments to the laſt quarter Day, and the reſpective Sums then unpaid; and that the Particulars of ſuch Report do lie on the Table, that every Member may ſee the ſame, and have Opportunity to correct any Miſtake.

A List of the Names of the Gentlemen who continue to promote by their Subſcriptions, the Society for *encouraging Induſtry*, and *employing the Poor*.

A

HOnourable *John Alford*, Eſq; *Charleſtown*
*Charles Apthorp*, Eſq; *Boſton*
*Henry Atkins*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Thomas Allen*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Auſtin*, ditto
Mr. *John Avery*, ditto
Mrs. *Rebecca Amory*, ditto
Mr. *Jonathan Amory*, ditto
Mr. *John Amory*, ditto
Mr. *Charles Ward Apthorp*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Aſton*, ditto

B

Mr. *William Bowdoin*, *Needham*
Mr. *John Barrett*, *Boſton*
*James Boutineau*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Edward Bromfield*, ditto
Dr. *Thomas Bulfinch*, ditto
Mr. *James Bowdoin*, ditto
Mr. *Nicholas Boylſton*, ditto
Mr. *John Box*, ditto
Mr. *William Burroughs*, *Roxbury*
Mr. *Nathaniel Bethune*, *Boſton*
Mr. *George Bethune*, ditto
Mr. *Melatiah Bourne*, ditto
Mrs. *Joanna Booker*, *Boſton*
Mr. *Thomas Brindley*, ditto

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A List of the Names of the Gentlemen who continue to promote by their Subscriptions, the Society for *encouraging Industry*, and *employing the Poor*.

A

HOnourable *John Alford*, Esq; *Charlestown*
*Charles Apthorp*, Esq; *Boston*
*Henry Atkins*, Esq; ditto
Mr. *Thomas Allen*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Austin*, ditto
Mr. *John Avery*, ditto
Mrs. *Rebecca Amory*, ditto
Mr. *Jonathan Amory*, ditto
Mr. *John Amory*, ditto
Mr. *Charles Ward Apthorp*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Aston*, ditto

B

Mr. *William Bowdoin*, *Needham*
Mr. *John Barrett*, *Boston*
*James Boutineau*, Esq; ditto
Mr. *Edward Bromfield*, ditto
Dr. *Thomas Bulfinch*, ditto
Mr. *James Bowdoin*, ditto
Mr. *Nicholas Boylston*, ditto
Mr. *John Box*, ditto
Mr. *William Burroughs*, *Roxbury*
Mr. *Nathaniel Bethune*, *Boston*
Mr. *George Bethune*, ditto
Mr. *Melatiah Bourne*, ditto
Mrs. *Joanna Booker*, *Boston*
Mr. *Thomas Brindley*, ditto

Mr.

Mr. *Francis Brindley*, jun. ditto
Rev. Mr. *John Barnard*, *Marblehead*
*William Brattle*, Eſq; *Cambridge*
Mr. *Thomas Bulfinch*, jun. *Boſton*
Mr. *Caleb Blanchard*, ditto

C

Honourable *John Cuſhing*, Eſq; *Situate*
Rev. Dr. *Charles Chauncy*, *Boſton*
Rev. Mr. *Henry Caner*, ditto
Rev. Mr. *Samuel Cooper*, ditto
Dr. *William Clark*, ditto
Mr. *Richard Clark*, ditto
Mr. *Middlecot Cooke*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Cuſhing*, ditto
Mr. *Nathaniel Cunningham*, *Cambridge*
Mr. *William Coffin*, *Boſton*
Mr. *William Cooper*, ditto
Mr. *John Coffin*, ditto
Dr. *Henry Croſier*, ditto

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Honourable *Samuel Danforth*, Eſq; *Cambridge*
*Richard Dana*, Eſq; *Boſton*
*Joſeph Dowſe*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Samuel Deming*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Dolbeare*, ditto
Mr. *Anthony Davis*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Davis*, ditto
Mr. *Edward Davis*, ditto
Mr. *Samuel Downe*, ditto
Mr. *John Draper*, ditto
Mr. *Gilbert Deblois*, ditto
Mr. *Lewis Deblois*, ditto
Mr. *Addington Davenport*, ditto

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Rev. Mr. *Andrew Eliot*, *Boſton*
Mr. *John Erving*, jun. ditto

F

Mr. *John Franklin*, Boſton
Mr. *James Flucker*, Charleſtown
Mr. *Thomas Flucker*, Boſton
Mr. *William Fenwick*, ditto
Mrs. *Ann Foot*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Fleet*, ditto
Mr. *John Fillis*, ditto
Mr. *Samuel Fitch*, ditto

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*Thomas Greene*, Eſq; Boſton
Dr. *Silveſter Gardiner*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Gunter*, ditto
*Iſaac Gridley*, Eſq; ditto
*Jeremiah Green*, Eſq; ditto
*Jeremiah Gridley*, Eſq; ditto
*Ezekiel Goldthwait*, Eſq; ditto
*Harriſon Gray*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Samuel Grant*, ditto
Mr. *James Griffin*, ditto
Mr. *Joſeph Green*, ditto
Mr. *Stephen Greenleaf*, ditto
Mr. *Rufus Greene*, ditto
Mr. *William Greenleaf*, [illegible]
Mr. *Thomas James Gruchy*, ditto
Mr. *Daniel Greenleaf*, ditto
Mr. *John Greenleaf*, ditto
Mr. *John Gould*, ditto
Mr. *John Gore*, ditto

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Hon. *Thomas Hutchinſon*, Eſq; Milton
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*Thomas Hancock*, Eſq; ditto
*Robert Hooper*, Eſq; Marblehead
Rev. Mr. *Edward Holyoke*, Cambridge
Mr. [illegible] Hallowell, Boſton
Mr. *John Hamock*, ditto
*Joſhua Henſhaw*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Shrimpton Hutchinſon*, ditto
Mr. *John Hunt*, ditto
Mr. *Nathaniel Holmes*, ditto
Mr. *Briggs Hallowell*, ditto

Mr. *William Hicklyn*, ditto
Mr. *Samuel Holbrook*, ditto
Mr. *Samuel Hewes*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Hawden*, ditto
Mr. *Nathaniel Hatch*, ditto
Mr. *Andrew Hall*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Hammett*, ditto
Mr. *Shrimpton Hunt*, ditto

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Capt. *Joſeph Jackſon*, ditto
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Mr. *Robert Jenkins*, ditto
Mr. *Thomas Jackſon* jun. ditto
Mr. *Ralph Inman*, ditto
Mr. *Francis Johonnot*, ditto

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Mr. *Benjamin Kent*, ditto
Dr. *Phillip Godfrey Kaſt*, ditto

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Mr. *John Lovel*, Boſton
Mr. *Joſeph Lee*, ditto
Mr. *Henry Laughton*, ditto
Mr. *Henry Laughton*, jun. ditto
Mr. *Ezekiel Lewis*, jun. ditto
Mr. *William Lambert*, ditto

M

Hon. *Paul Maſcareen*, Eſq; Boſton
*Thaddeus Maſon*, Eſq; Charleſtown
Mr. *William Molineux*, Boſton
Mr. *Richard Martyn*, ditto
Mr. *Powers Marriott*, ditto

N

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Mr. *Henry Newman*, ditto

O

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Hon. *John Oſborne*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Andrew Oliver*, jun. ditto
Mr. *James Otis*, ditto

P

*Benjamin Pollard*, Eſq; Boſton
*John Phillips*, Eſq; ditto
Mr *John Powell*, ditto
Mr. *William Phillips*, ditto
Mr. *James Pitts*, ditto
Dr. *John Perkins*, ditto
Mr. *Benjamin Parker*, ditto
Mr. *Robert Pierpont*, ditto
Mr. *William Pattin*, ditto
Mr. *William Pritchard*, ditto
Mr. *John Payne*, ditto
Mr. *Zechary Pool*, Medford
*Benjamin Pemberton*, Eſq; Boſton
Dr. *Nathaniel Perkins*, ditto
*Benjamin Pratt*, Eſq; ditto
*Charles Paxton*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Joſeph Palmer*, Germantown
Mr. *John Pigeon*, Boſton

Q

*Edmund Quincy*, Eſq; Braintree
Mr. *Joſiah Quincy*, ditto
Mr. *Norton Quincy*, Boſton

R

Hon. *Iſaac Royall*, Eſq; Medford
*James Ruſſell*, Eſq; Charleſtown
Mr. *Joſeph Roby*, Boſton
Mr. *Joſeph Royall*, ditto
Mr. *John Rowe*, ditto
Mr. *John Ruddock*, ditto
Mr. *Joſeph Rotch*, Nantucket

S

Hon. *Richard Saltonſtall*, Eſq; Haverhill
Hon. *Stephen Sewall*, Eſq; Boſton
Rev. Dr. *Joſeph Sewall*, ditto
Mr. *John Spooner*, ditto
*Samuel Sturgis*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Jonathan Simpſon*, jun. ditto
Mr. *Samuel Sewall*, ditto
Mr. *Joſeph Sherburn*, ditto
Capt. *Ebenezer Storer*, ditto
Mr. *John Simpſon*, ditto
Mr. *John Scollay*, ditto

Mr. *Thomas Secomb*, Medford
Mr. *Iſaac Smith*, Boſton
Mr. *William Story*, Boſton

T

*Edmund Trowbridge*, Eſq; Cambridge
*John Taſker*, Eſq; Marblehead
Mr. *Chriſtopher Tilden*, Boſton
Mr. *William Blair Townſhend*, Boſton

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*Henry Vaſſall*, Eſq; Cambridge

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Hon. *Joſiah Willard*, Eſq; Boſton
Hon. *Jacob Wendell*, Eſq; ditto
Hon. *Samuel Welles*, Eſq; ditto
Hon. *Samuel Watts*, Eſq; Chelſea
Hon. *John Wheelwright*, Eſq; Boſton
*Joſhua Winſlow*, Eſq; ditto
Mr. *Iſaac Winſlow*, ditto
Mr. *Nathaniel Wheelwright*, ditto
Mr. *Jonathan Williams*, ditto
Mr. *Samuel Winthrop*, ditto
Mr. *Edward Winſlow*, ditto
Mr. *Joſeph Waldo*, ditto
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*SIR*,

YOU have herewith a printed Copy of the Articles of the Society for *encouraging Induſtry and employing the Poor*, and a Liſt of the Names of the Gentlemen who continue to promote the ſame by their Subſcriptions. As you have ſhewn your Approbation of this Deſign, it is hoped that you will promote it further, by communicating to the Gentlemen of your Acquaintance the Copy now ſent you, and by endeavouring to get as many Subſcribers as you can; after which you are deſired to return it, together with the Names of the Gentlemen that ſhall ſubſcribe, to any of the Committee of the Society, before the annual Meeting, which will be on the ſecond Wedneſday of *Auguſt* next.

*Boſton*, *July* 1754.